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**NBS: "A ONE-STOP CENTRE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN TANZANIA"**



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## We aim at harmonising all Key Statistics Operations, Dr. Chuwa reveals



***Managements of NBS and OCGS in a joint meeting held at NBS offices in Dar es Salaam, which discussed how to further strengthening cooperation between the two institutions.***

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar (OCGS) aim at establishing common statistics operations for all key statistics in order to produce statistics for the United Republic of Tanzania.

The harmonisation of statistics operations was one of the agenda during the joint management meeting of the two national statistics offices held in Dar es Salaam recently.

Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa told NBS Newsletter that apart from discussing the harmonisation question, the meeting also discussed preparations of the Population and Housing Census scheduled for August, 2022.

On harmonisation, the Statistician General said the managements of NBS and that of OCGS have decided that it was high time that the two statistics authorities cooperated in--

producing key statistics with one national publication.

“It is high time that NBS and OCGS jointly conduct key statistics operations particularly economic statistics to produce statistics for the United Republic of Tanzania like the way we do in some operations mainly in social statistics,” she said.

Dr. Chuwa explained that NBS and OCGS need to jointly prepare economic--



statistics such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Household Budget Survey (HBS) and National Consumer Price Index (NCPI).

She added that after producing such statistics, publications can be for the United Republic of Tanzania, Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

Dr. Chuwa added that the current system where Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania separately produce GDP, HBS and NCPI had its own shortcomings as it did not reflect the real situation of the whole of the United Republic of Tanzania.

“Of course, we can do the same as we do in other joint operations in which we produce national report and reports for each Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar” Dr. Chuwa said and added that compilation of GDP and CPI can be done the same way.

The meeting agreed that the ongoing Integrated Labour Force Survey (2020/21 ILFS) which NBS and OCGS worked together during preparations but implementing individually data collection to publish one national report.

She said currently NBS and OCGS jointly conduct National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) and Population and Housing Censuses.

However, she elaborated that the two institutions collaborated mostly in social statistics operations which include Demographic Health Survey (DHS) and Tanzania Malaria Indicator Survey (TMIS).

Other operations are Tanzania Service Provision Assessment (TSPA), Tanzania HIV Indicator Survey (THIS), Tanzania Social Institution and Gender Index (SIGI) and Tanzania National Panel Survey (PANEL Survey).

Dr. Chuwa added that the meeting discussed challenges facing harmonisation, one being the two institutions having different survey seasons, and so the meeting agreed to hold the 2023/2024 HBS jointly.

The quarterly meetings, which are jointly chaired by the chief of the NBS and that of OCGS, discuss development of statistics in the country and related issues.

It is part of implementation of government directives to hold joint meetings to discuss how institutions can further consolidate the Union through closer cooperation.



**Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa and her counterpart Zanzibar Chief Government Statistician Ms. Mayasa Mahfoudh at a joint management meeting between NBS and OCGS held in Dar es Salaam recently.**

## **We Will Continue Cooperation with Partners to Produce Quality Statistics, Silinde tells stakeholders**



***The Deputy Minister of State in charge of Education in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Mr. David Silinde, cuts the ribbon to officially launch the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).***

The Deputy Minister of State in charge of Education in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Mr. David Silinde, has said the government would continue working closely with stakeholders with the view to producing quality statistics.

Minister Silinde made those remarks in a speech during the launching of WASH report where he thanked stakeholders who participated and facilitated implementation of the study.

"Our special thanks should go to UNICEF for both financial and technical support provided at all stages of the survey and we assured them that we are always ready to continue our partnership," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude and that of the government to all interviewees and officials including regional and district education coordinators, head teachers, WASH coordinators and teachers for accepting to play a role in the survey and provide useful information for-

the benefit of the country.

Tanzania WASH assessment collected information on the number of pupils, teachers, and classrooms, services on water, sanitation, and hygiene available at schools.

It also measured pupil's engagement in WASH programmes, operations and maintenance of the WASH facilities including funding for maintenance and responsibility of cleanliness of the facilities.

## Government to Work on Stakeholders' Recommendations on WASH, Says Dr. Magembe



***Stakeholders at the launching of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Report held at TAKWIMU House.***

The Deputy Permanent Secretary (responsible for Health) in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), Dr. Grace Magembe, has assured WASH stakeholders that her ministry will take on board all recommendations made to improve WASH services in schools.

“All recommendations put forward by our stakeholders including those made by Statistician-

General will be taken on board in our ministry's development plan,” she said.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary told the meeting that her ministry was keen to implement the recommendation expressing optimism that the next WASH survey would produce better results.

Furthermore, she said the ministry would work on the 2018 WASH report and produce it in a user-friendly language for various--

audiences in the local government authorities.

Dr. Magembe described the report as an eye opener for her ministry as it would provide guidelines on how to improve learning environment in schools across the country.

“Every time we build a new school, toilet facilities must reflect the number of students expected to be enrolled,” she insisted.



## Close Cooperation between NBS, OCGS crucial for quality Statistics, argues Dr. Msengwa

Close cooperation between NBS and OCGS in conducting and implementing surveys and censuses is the right way forward to produce quality statistics for national development.

The remarks were made by NBS Governing Board Chairperson Dr. Amina Msengwa when addressing a joint management committee meeting between the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar (OCGS) in Dar es Salaam recently.

“Collaboration between NBS and OCGS will increase efficiency and productivity of statistics operations which results in production of quality statistics,” Dr. Msengwa noted.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Msengwa reiterated that building close cooperation and collaboration between the two national statistics institutions was more beneficial to the statistics ecosystem in the country.

She said the two institutions--

have now to work hard to resolve all obstacles hindering holding of joint statistical operations to produce statistics particularly economic statistics for the United Republic of Tanzania.

The one-day meeting held at NBS offices along Kivukoni Front in Dar es Salaam and also attended by the chairman of OCGS board, Dr. Said Gharib Bilal, also discussed preparations for the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar (OCGS) held the joint management meeting which among other matters discussed preparations of the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

According to Section 4 (3) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, Statistics is a Union matter and in first schedule listed at number 20 on the list of Union matters.

The meeting discussed progress of census’ geographical work whereby it was ordered that its pace should be increased to ensure completion before pilot census planned for August this year.

Moreover, the meeting discussed launching of the 2022 Census Implementation Handbook which was scheduled to be held in May and officiated by Prime Minister Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa.

**Meanwhile,** Zanzibar Chief Government Statistician Mayasa Mahfoudh Mwinyi said OCGS and NBS have huge responsibility of producing official statistics which was very crucial if Tanzania was to achieve its development targets.

“We (OCGS and NBS) are mandated to produce statistics for national development, it is a huge responsibility which calls for closer cooperation between us and our stakeholders,” Ms. Mwinyi said.

## Introduce Performance Indicators to Assess WASH Services, urges Statistician General

Following release of results of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Assessment Survey, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa recommended the introduction of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for assessing WASH in schools in routine data collection.

“In order to improve monitoring of WASH in--

schools, it is imperative to set indicators which will be used to measure availability of services on the quarterly, half and annual bases,” she stressed.

Dr. Chuwa was speaking during the launch of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Assessment Survey in which the results from the survey indicated that 68.2 per cent of schools

had improved sources of drinking water.

Indeed, schools in urban areas seem to have better access to an improved source of drinking water by 84.2 percent compared to schools in rural areas, which have 63.8 percent.

Dr. Chuwa urged the establishment of the national handwashing with soap campaign in all--



***Stakeholders of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) listen to Minister Silinde during launching of the report.***





***Stakeholders who attended the launching of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) report listen to Minister Silinde who graced the occasion.***

schools with special message to educate and mobilise the public about the importance of the life-saving practice.

Statistician General also proposed identifying special people to champion mobilisation of handwashing campaigns in schools in order to attain national, regional and global development goals.

She said survey results will be used as a baseline data and provide indicators in measuring drinking water, -

sanitation and hygiene.

Dr. Chuwa said WASH was a stratified random sample of 2,396 schools whereby 2,240 schools were from Tanzania Mainland and 156 schools from Zanzibar.

She added that the schools were selected randomly to make an equal sample in rural and urban areas from 26 regions in Mainland Tanzania and five regions in Zanzibar.

The results showed that--

government-run schools had a smaller percentage of facilities for basic hygiene services recording 14.4 per cent, compared to those run by non-governmental institutions that had 39.0 per cent.

Statistician General added that significant variations in the availability of basic hygiene services in schools were found across regions, ranging from 1.4 per cent in Songwe Region to 47.2 per cent in Kilimanjaro Region.

## Tanzania's Preparations for the 2021/22 DHS-MIS Gear Up

Preparations are underway for Tanzania to conduct the 2021/22 Demographic and Health Survey and Malaria Indicator Survey (2021/22 DHS-MIS).

The Assistant Director of Reproductive Health and Child from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Makuwani, told stakeholders' meeting that the government was committed to conducting the survey as it did in the past.

"The DHS-MIS is a very important survey in health sector as it provides essential statistics and indicators which inform decision-making of health policies and planning, monitor their implementation and support other development programmes," said Dr. Makuwani.

In his brief remarks during the opening of the meeting, which was held at TAKWIMU House--

Conference Hall in Dodoma, he assured stakeholders that the government would continue collaborating with all stakeholders in conducting the survey.

Survey's coordinator from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Ms. Elinzuu Nicodemo, told the meeting that NBS had already prepared survey instruments including questionnaires which would be used to collect data during field data collection.

She said the draft questionnaire would be shared to all stakeholders at national level and then finalized after incorporating their inputs.

Ms. Elinzuu, who is a Senior Statistician, thanked stakeholders for their commitment and collaboration.

The main survey' partners are the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Office of Chief Government Statistician--

(OCGS), Zanzibar, and the Ministry of Health of Zanzibar and a host of development partners.

The 2021/22 Demographic and Health Survey and Malaria Indicator Survey main objective is to provide updated data on maternal and child health, malaria and other health related issues, as well as prevalence of anaemia among women aged 15–49 and malaria infection and anaemia among children under 5 years old.

As the previous DHS-MIS surveys, it would collect data and information of estimates of fertility rate, marriage, sexual activities, fertility preferences, awareness and use of family planning methods, breastfeeding practices, nutrition, childhood and maternity mortality and nutrition for women and children.

## Inflation Rate for April Climbs by 0.1 Percentage

The inflation rate of April, 2021 has slightly increased by 0.1 percentage to 3.3 percent from 3.2 percent that was recorded in March, 2021.

The increase of inflation rate means that, the speed of price change for commodities in April, 2021 increased compared to the speed that was recorded in March, 2021.

Releasing the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for the month of April, 2021 in Dodoma, --

the Acting Director of Population Census and Social Statistics, Mrs. Ruth Minja, said generally the price movement of foods and non-food items in April, 2021 was stable.

She observed that this helped consumers to purchase their basic needs as prices were affordable.

She said the food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate increased from 4.2 percent in March, 2021 to 4.8 percent in April, 2021.

She added that the inflation--

rate for unprocessed food increased from 2.8 percent in March, 2021 to 3.4 percent in April, 2021 while inflation rate for all items without unprocessed food for April, 2021 stagnated at 3.4 percent as it was recorded in March 2021.

Mrs. Minja said the overall index has increased from 103.41 in March, 2021 to 103.95 in April, 2021 which was mainly attributed by price increase for some food and non-food items.

She mentioned some food items that contributed to such increase as finger millet grains which increased by 4.8 percent, fish by 2.1 percent, dry sardines by 6.5 percent, sunflower oil by 2.4 percent and fruits by 1.7 percent.

On the other hand, some of non-food items that contributed to such increase were liquefied hydrocarbons which increased by 3.3 percent, kerosene by 2.6 percent, firewood by 1.1 percent, diesel by 6.1 percent, and petrol by 7.2 percent.



**Members of the press and part of NBS staff follow release of National Consumer Price Index for the month of April 2021, which was held at TAKWIMU House.**



## Use WASH Report to Improve School Hygiene, Silinde Urges Stakeholders

The government has called upon policy makers, planners and all stakeholders of school's water, sanitation and hygiene to make use of the 2018 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) report as they plan, implement, monitor and evaluate development programmes.

The Deputy Minister (responsible with Education) in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), Mr. David Silinde, made the call in his speech during the official launching of the report which was held at TAKWIMU House in Dodoma recently.

Mr. Silinde directed his office to distribute the report to all stakeholders at all levels to ensure they were aware of the situation and to have common understanding of the availability of water, sanitation and hygiene services in schools so as to formulate common strategy to improve the situation.

He reminded primary and secondary school heads to ensure the allocated funds for school development were appropriately utilised including for improving water, sanitation and hygiene in schools.

Likewise, the minister reminded parents and guardians that it was also their responsibility to help children learn about hygiene at home instead of leaving it solely for the government.

He emphasised the importance of assessing the results as they provided yet another opportunity for the country to improve provision of education as well as economic welfare of the people.

According to the assessment report, 68 percent of schools have drinking water from improved sources of which 55 percent have basic water services which is 11 percent higher than the average 44 percent in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

On availability of toilets facilities, the report shows that about nine schools out of ten which is about 89 percent have improved toilet facilities whereas 30 percent of them have basic toilets facilities which include separated according to sex and had privacy.

"It is a remarkable achievement compared to other countries in the region, and this reflects our government's commitment to creating safe and favorable learning environment for our children," Mr. Silinde said.

The minister, however, asked education stakeholders to increase handwashing facilities in schools, which, according to the WASH report was now below 18 per cent.

"I ask all stakeholders in the education sector to prioritise hygiene issues in schools by increasing the number of handwashing facilities in the schools," Mr. Silinde insisted.

## Tamali William is NBS' 2020 Best Worker

Ms. Tamali William, the Regional Statistics Manager for Mtwara Region, has emerged winner of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) best worker for the year 2020.

Ms. William was one of the six members of staff who were nominated from four NBS directorates, Management and Procurement, Management Unit, and Regional Offices to compete for the annual honour.

She won the race after scooping more votes against Salum Haji, who was her closest contestant. Ms. William would now represent NBS in the national annual best work competition.

Speaking before the draw, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa noted that there was no doubt that most workers were undertaking their duties as per the set guidelines and criteria but those selected went the extra mile in what was expected of them.

She, however, noted that it was team spirit among NBS staff that made those--

nominated to achieve what made their peers in their respective directorates and divisions to select them as best workers.

"We, at NBS, have built a strong team spirit, have created amicable working relationships to the extent that everyone really feels to belong to this big family and that is what has made this institution to produce members of staff like Tamali who will now represent us at the national level," said Dr. Chuwa.

The Statistics chief said recognition of individual efforts in fulfilling his or her duties should be continuous because it is one way of motivating workers to work hard and hence contributing to not only increasing efficiency and productivity but also enhancing credibility and reputation of the institution.

For her part, Ms. William said, on the one hand, she didn't expect to become the overall winner but, on the other, she was optimistic to do better because apart from--

working hard, she has been working closely with all her fellow workers.

"I'm happy to become the overall winner and I thank everyone who voted for me. It is an honour for me because it shows that my colleges at NBS recognize my efforts and above all they respect me as person," said Ms. William.

She promised to continue working hard and become a good ambassador in the national level competition.

The selection which was held at TAKWIMU House Conference Hall was supervised by Tanzania Union of Government and Health Employees (TUGHE).

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## Tanzania Maintains Stable Economic Growth Despite Covid-19 Pandemic, Data Shows

Tanzania has maintained a stable economic growth pattern for two decades due to good and sound management of fiscal and macroeconomic policies which promoted and encouraged financial institutions and investments in the country.

Briefing members of the press in Dodoma recently, the Acting Director of NBS Economic Statistics (DESD), Mr. Daniel Masolwa, said since 2014, the country has consistently managed to have stable economic stability which ranged from the growth of 6.7 in 2014 to 7.0 in 2019.

He said available data revealed that despite the fact that COVID-19 pandemic continued to exact its toll on the global economy, Tanzania was slightly impacted compared to the rest of the economies in East Africa and elsewhere.

The economic growth and stability contributed greatly to country Gross--

Domestic Products (GDP from various sectors including agriculture, mining and quarrying, tourism and constructions.

According to Mr. Masolwa, agriculture sector continued to be the leading sector as about 60 percent of the country's population depended on agriculture as their main economic activity.

He added that the sector contributed not less than 15 percent of all foreign exchange, produced over

90 percent of food needs in the country and recently it contributed 26.6 percent of the national GDP.

The acting DESD told members of the press that from 2014 to 2018 Tanzania recorded a sustained average economic growth rate of 6.8 percent and the growth rate reached 7.0 percent in 2019.

He added, during 2020, the economic growth for the first, second and third Quarter was 5.7, 4.0 and 4.5 percent respectively.



*Acting Director of Economic Statistics Daniel Masolwa elaborating a point to the media (not in the picture) at a meeting where he briefed the later about Tanzania economic trend. Right is acting Director of Population Census and Social Statistics, Mrs. Ruth Minja.*



## Make Hand Hygiene Practice a Priority in All Schools, UNICEF Advises Government, Stakeholders

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Tanzania Country Office has urged stakeholders in the country to make hand hygiene practice a priority in all schools by ensuring affordable products are available to enable children learn this important behaviour during their formative age.

Quoting results of the 2018 School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Assessment report, UNICEF statement said only 18 percent out of 63.9 percent of schools with handwashing facilities had soap and water for handwashing hence putting children in increased risks of contracting communicable diseases.

A representative from the UN agency, Mr Frank Odhiambo, told participants during the launching of the report at TAKWIMU House Conference Hall in Dodoma that regional and school level disparities revealed in the report should be addressed during fresh planning, implementation and--

and managing WASH programmes in schools.

"The report has highlighted the issues of equity in terms of access to school WASH services especially between primary and secondary schools and among regions," he added.

The 2018 WASH assessment was conducted to determine the national coverage estimates for water, sanitation, and hygiene services in schools and establishing baselines for the standard SDG targets and--

indicators to allow harmonised monitoring, cross-country comparability and regional or global aggregation.

He said improving school WASH facilities was very important to UNICEF as the lead United Nations agency on water, sanitation, and hygiene in implementing SDG Goal number 6 which aims at *"ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all"* and Goal Number 4 on *Quality education*.



**Representative from UNICEF Frank Odhiambo speaking during the launch of the 2018 WASH report that was held in Dodoma recently.**

UNICEF noted that providing safe, dignified, inclusive, and reliable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in schools did help to make the learning environment pleasant and healthy, and boosted education outcomes.

It added that girls were reluctant to continue their schooling when toilets and washing facilities are not private, not safe, not clean, or simply not available hence providing WASH services helps to also protect girls' right to education.

Meanwhile, UNICEF remains committed to continue supporting the Government of Tanzania--

with technical assistance towards improving School WASH services, enhancing monitoring systems of routine data to ensure that reliable School WASH data is available all the time for better planning and resource allocation.

The UN Agency made those remarks during the launching of the 2018 WASH report in Dodoma recently.

The agency said it was expecting that the launching of the report would make School WASH stakeholders to allocate increased domestic resources to school WASH.

He added that stakeholders, who include government, development partners, international organizations, civil society organisations and communities, also need to mobilize resources to provide safe toilets, drinking water, and handwashing facilities, and hygiene education in schools.

By doing so, UNICEF said, it was convinced that first would help ensure a safe and friendly learning environment for every child.

“We (UNICEF) are hopeful that the government and other stakeholders will use the findings as important reference material for planning school WASH improvements, mobilizing funds for implementation, and monitoring the School WASH services,” read in part the statement from the UN Agency.

***“SDG Goal number 6 aims at ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all and Goal Number 4 on Quality education”***



**Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Local government and Regional Administration-Education, David Silinde, NBS Governing Board chairperson Dr. Amina Msengwa (left) and Deputy Principal Secretary President's Office Local Government and Regional Administration-health (right) Dr. Grace Magembe holding the report after its official launching by the minister.**

# NBS PICTORIAL NEWS



*Members of NBS and OCGS management in a group photograph in front of NBS office building along Kivukoni Front Dar es Salaam. From left to right Zanzibar GS, Ms Mayasa Mwinyi, Chairman of OCGS Board Dr. Said Gharib Bilal, NBS Governing Board Chairperson Dr. Amina Msengwa, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa and OCGS head of Vital Statistics Abdulmajid Jecha Ramadhan.*



*Acting Director of Department of Social Statistics and Population Census Mrs. Ruth Minja addresses the media during release of National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for the month April, 2021.*



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